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SUBJ: CCD: UK DRAFT UNGA RESOLUTION ON NEW MASS DESTRUCTION
WEAPONS

REF: STATE 189330 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL CONTAINS TEXT OF UK DRAFT UNGA RESOLUTION ON NEW
MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW) WHICH UK REP (ASHE) CIRCULATED ON AN INFORMAL BASIS AT CCD WESTERN GROUP (US, UK, CANADA, NETHERLANDS, ITALY, FRG, AND JAPAN) MEETING ON AUG 15. IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS ASHE AND OTHER UK DEL MEMBERS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY VIEW THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION MAINLY AS OFFERING A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TO STANDARD SOVIET RESOLUTION PROMOTING SOVIET OMNIBUS TREATY APPROACH TO NEW MDW. THEY DO NOT EXPECT IT TO BE INTRODUCED FORMALLY UNTIL VERY LATE IN THE GAME, IF AT ALL, BUT BELIEVE THAT A SATISFACTORY DRAFT MUST BE DEVELOPED IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO HAVE THE OPTION. THE SOVIET CCD DEL HAS NOT SHOWN ANY INTEREST AT ALL SO FAR IN THE UK APPROACH, WHICH WAS SUGGESTED BY MINISTER OF STATE LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS AT THE CCD ON JULY
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28, 1977 THE UK DEL HAS NOT YET DISCUSSED WITH THE SOVIET DEL A POSSIBLE RESOLUTION ALONG THE LINES OF THEIR DRAFT.

2. US DEL WOULD LIKE TO OFFER FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON UK DRAFT:

A. THE PREAMBLE MIGHT ALSO MAKE MENTION OF THE OUTER

SPACE TREATY AND THE SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY WHICH BOTH PROHIBIT MDW IN CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTS.

B. IT MAY BE DESIRABLE IN THE PREAMBLE TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF DESIGNATING A WEAPON AS MDW, AND DESIRABILITY OF HAVING GENERAL AGREEMENT ON SUCH A DESIGNATION.

C. IN THE FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION, USE OF THE WORD "CONDEMNS" MAY CAUSE PRECEDENTIAL PROBLEMS. IT MAY BE PREFERABLE TO SAY "CALLS UPON STATES NOT TO DEVELOP NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WHICH HAVE CHARACTERISTICS COMPARABLE IN DESTRUCTIVE EFFECT TO THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION."

D. IN THE THIRD OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH, RATHER THAN SAY "PRECLUDE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION" PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BETTER TO SAY "AVOID THE DANGERS." SORENSON

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